

## CHALFONT ST GILES PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2 May 2018 at Gardens Association Hall, Chalfont St Giles at 8.15p.m.

**Present:** Cllr G Patrick (Chairman), Cllr D Bray, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr R Gill, Cllr S Long, Cllr R Massey, Cllr C Santry, John Bradley from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and the Clerk H Griffiths.

**Public Forum:** None.

1. **Apologies for absence:**, Cllr J Lomas Cllr P Lea-Wilson, Cllr M Phillips, Cllr J Ryman and Cllr C Sweales.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

At the Chairman's request item 7.1 was moved to this point in the agenda.

**7.1. To update the Neighbourhood Plan:** John Bradley informed the council that there had been objections raised to Housing Policy 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan. To counterbalance this he asked the Parish Council to consider adding the following information to the evidence presented to the examiner.

*"The Council is concerned that the delete of **Housing Policy 1. Rural Exception Sites in the Parish Rural exception sites in the Parish** does not represent the views of the vast majority of our Community. We therefore submit the following minor modification to the wording of the policy to cover the concerns raised by the Objector[s] whilst at the same time leaving the possibility of a Rural Exception site in place within the Neighbourhood Plan:*

*"Rural Exception Sites in the Parish which provide affordable housing in perpetuity may be supported subject to all of the following criteria being met:*

*a) Evidence is provided to show the proposal provides an affordable housing tenure, size and mix consistent with the most up-to-date evidence of the Parish's affordable housing need.*

*b) All of the affordable housing in the proposed scheme is for people who can demonstrate a strong local connection to the Chalfont St Giles Parish. Where there is an up-to-date evidence need, the proposal provides units suitable for senior residents.*

*c) No development that would result in an adverse effect on the Hodgemoor Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) will be permitted.*

*d) Any proposal for development within the AONB or the setting of the AONB will require a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) to show that the proposed development will not have an impact on the AONB or that it can be successfully mitigated.*

*e) No development that would result in an adverse effect on the Chalfont St Giles Conservation Area, including that proposed on land immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area, will be permitted.*

*Further the Council would like to insert in the Introduction the following paragraph in bold.*

***1.2 All the policies in this Neighbourhood Plan should read as whole rather than in isolation of each other".***

The Council agreed unanimously to add this information to a letter to be sent to Chiltern District Council and forwarded to the Examiner as part of the Neighbourhood Plan evidence. The Chairman Cllr Patrick signed the letter in the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the meetings held on 4 April 2018 report 15/18:** Were agreed and signed in meeting.
4. **Clerks notes:** Noted.

5. **Correspondence received after the agenda was circulated:** The National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Pay Award 2018/19 had been received. This to be added to the next F&GP agenda.
6. **Reports from committees**
  - 6.1. **Planning Committee meeting 4 April 2018 14/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Long – all agreed.
  - 6.2. **Open Spaces and amenities committee 18 April 2018 16/18:** Proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Bray – all agreed.
  - 6.3. **Finance and General Purposes Committee 23 April 2018 17/18:** Proposed by Cllr Gill and seconded by Cllr Long – all agreed.
  - 6.4. **Planning Committee meeting 25 April 2018 18/18:** Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain – all agreed.
7. **Current Matters:**
  - 7.2. **To discuss the WW1 commemorations:** Cllr Chamberlain reported that some of the areas where poppies had been planted had been strimmed by our contractors. As there were three kinds of poppies in each location then there should still be a display. Four silent soldiers would be purchased at a cost of £100 plus the Chalfont St Giles sign cost. These would be located at Three Households, A413, Riverside Walk and Silverhill. There had been great interest in the knitted poppies and many volunteers had come forward. The Parish Church requested knotted poppies to be placed around the Lynch Gate as well as on the graves of WW1 servicemen. The application for Heritage Lottery money was almost ready to be submitted, this will fund the plaques to go on buildings and roadsides.
  - 7.3. **To update GDPR preparations:** Model documentation from SLCC and NALC was being adapted for the Parish Council, though even these documents contain conflicting information. As documents are prepared they will be added to the web site. The requirement for a Data Protection Officer (DPO) was still going through Parliament. Information from Cllr Butcher stated that the County Council were minded to appoint a DPO for the Parishes but not until the amendment had gone through parliament. Work is ongoing to ensure that the Council is compliant by 25 May 2018.
8. **Accounts for March 2018:** March accounts were circulated and agreed.
9. **Items for future agenda:** None.
10. **Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6 June 2018**

**Meeting closed 9.04pm**